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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is to provide a decoding apparatus/method in which a bitstream obtained by coding a plurality of object data in units of objects and multiplexing the coded data is input, coded data of each object is separated from the bitstream, a predetermined object is selected from the plurality of objects contained in the bitstream, the coded data of the object selected by selection means is decoded, object data is output, and the decoded object data is synthesized.